

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (withdrawn): A composition for oral administration, which comprises as an active ingredient, a therapeutically-effective amount of at least one flavanone compound or its derivatives, or a mixture thereof.

Claim 2 (withdrawn): A composition according to claim 1, wherein the flavanone compounds is selected from the group consisting of isoscuranetin, naringin, hesperidin, eriodictyol, poncirin, and neoeriocitrin.

Claim 3 (withdrawn): A composition according to claim 1, wherein the derivatives are selected from the group consisting of aglycone, chalcone, glycosylated and methylated forms of the flavanone and sulfated and glucuronidated forms which are a product of their metabolism in blood.

Claim 4 (withdrawn): A composition according to claim 1, wherein the derivative is obtained by enzymatic treatment.

Claim 5 (withdrawn): A composition according to claim 1, wherein the flavanone compound is extracted from a pulp or peel of Citrus fruits.

Claim 6 (withdrawn): A composition according to claim 1 comprising an active compound selected from the group consisting of vitamin C, vitamin E, carotenoids, ubiquinones, catechins, coffee extracts containing polyphenols and/or diterpenes, extracts of chicory, ginkgo biloba extracts, grape or grape seed extracts rich in proanthocyanidins, spice extracts, soy extracts, other sources of flavonoids with antioxidant activity, fatty acids, prebiotic fibers, probiotic microorganisms, taurine, resveratrol, aminoacids, selenium and precursors of glutathione.

Claim 7 (withdrawn): A composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition is selected from the group consisting of milk, yogurt, curd, cheese, fermented milks, milk based fermented products, ice-creams, milk based powders, infant formulae, cereal products, fermented cereal based products, mineral water, chocolate, pet food, dietary supplement, tablets and cosmetic products.

Claim 8 (withdrawn): A method for preparing a composition intended to prevent, alleviate or treat skin, hair and/or coat disorders or damages comprising the step of using a therapeutically-effective amount of at least one flavonone compound, its derivative, or a mixture thereof as an active ingredient to produce the composition.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method for improving skin of a human or pet animal comprising the step of orally administering a therapeutically-effective amount of a composition comprising at least one flavanone compound selected from the group consisting of isoscuranetin, naringin, hesperidin, eriodictyol, poncirin, neoeriocitrin or a derivative of at least one flavanone selected from the group consisting of their aglycone, chalcone, glycosylated or methylated forms and sulfated and glucuronidated forms which are a product of their metabolism in blood its derivatives, or a mixture thereof, as active ingredient to a human or pet animal requiring improved skin.

Claim 10 (canceled):

Claim 11 (previously presented): The method according to claim 9, wherein the flavanone compound is extracted from Citrus fruits.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The method according to claim 9, wherein the composition is a composition selected from the group consisting of a cosmetics-, nutritional and pharmaceutical composition.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The method according to claim 9, wherein the flavanone compounds, its derivatives or mixtures thereof is present in an amount of from 0.01 mg to 1g of a glycone equivalent of the flavanone compound.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The method according to claim 9, wherein the human or pet animal suffers a skin disorder or damage produced by a situation selected from the group consisting of ageing, chemical, biological or a physical stress, exposure to oxidants, carcinogens, bacteria, viruses, fungi, lipids derived from surrounding cells, microbes, and exposure to UV-irradiation.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The method according to claim 9, wherein the composition improves at least one characteristic selected from the group consisting of skin photoprotection, hydration, dryness, firmness, elasticity, oilness, thickness, regular pigmentation, barrier function, skin elasticity, to prevent oxidative status, risks of cancer, inflammation or modulate sebum production or composition, and reduce signs of ageing.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The method according to claim 9, wherein the composition is administered to improve hair and coat gloss, hair density, color, oilness, to ameliorate hair fibre-fiber diameter, sebum production and to prevent hair and coat loss.

Claims 17-18 (canceled):

Claim 19 (withdrawn): A composition according to claim 1, wherein the derivative is synthetically produced.

Claim 20 (withdrawn): A composition according to claim 1, wherein the Citrus fruits is selected from the group consisting of orange, lemon, bitter orange and grapefruit.

Claims 21-22 (canceled):

Claim 23 (currently amended): A method for treating a disorder selected from the group consisting of disorders of the skin, hair and coat comprising the step of orally administering to an individual having a disorder of the skin, hair or coat a therapeutically-effective amount of a composition comprising as an active ingredient, at least one flavanone compound selected from the group consisting of isosacuranetin, naringin, hesperidin, eriodictyol, poncirin, neoeriocitrin or a derivative of at least one flavanone selected from the group consisting of their aglycone, chalcone, glycosylated or methylated forms and sulfated and glucuronidated forms which are a product of their metabolism in blood, or its derivatives or a mixture thereof to treat the skin, hair and/or coat disorders.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The method according to claim 23, wherein the flavanone compounds is selected from the group consisting of isosacuranetin, naringin, hesperidin, eriodictyol, poncirin, and neoeriocitrin.

Claims 25-26 (canceled):